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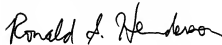
Claims 1-25 and 27 were pending in this application prior to this amendment. Claims 1, 4, 10, 14-17, 22, 23 and 27 are amended herein. Claims 2 and 9 are canceled herein. Claim 26 was canceled previously. Thus, after this amendment, claims 1, 3-8, 10-25 and 27 are pending in the application.

The examiner indicated that claims 2, 9-17 and 27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 27 has been so rewritten. Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the recitation of claim 2 and claim 2 has, in turn, been canceled. Claims 22 and 23 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 1. Claim 4 has been rewritten to include the recitation of claim 9 and claim 9 has, in turn, been canceled. Due to the cancelation of claim 9, claims 10 and 15-17 have been amended to depend from claim 4. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-8, 10-25 and 27 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

The examiner's various prior art rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 103(a) are rendered moot because all claims currently pending in the present application are in condition for allowance as noted in the preceding paragraph.

If there are any questions or comments that would speed prosecution of this patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (317) 231-7341. It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and that shortages in fees, if any, be charged, or any overpayment in fees credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to attorney docket no. 7175-79466.

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